- **5**. The method of claim **1**, wherein the therapeutic treatment is an adjuvant therapy or a therapy affecting onset and/or progression of metastasis.
- **6**. The method of claim **1**, wherein the therapeutic treatment is also suitable for controlling neoplastic cachexia.
- 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the therapeutic treatment further comprises administering one or more cytotoxic and/or cytostatic agents selected from the group consisting of BRAF inhibitors, MEK inhibitors, tyrosine kinase inhibitors, and combinations thereof.
- 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the melanocortin receptor-4 antagonist is administered as a pharmaceutical composition, said pharmaceutical composition further comprising at least one pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, excipient, and/or diluent.
- 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a pharmaceutical form suitable for being

- administered via topical, oral, sublingual, buccal, rectal, subcutaneous, intradermic, transcutaneous, intramuscular, intranasal, inhalation, intravenous, intraarterial, intraperitoneal, intrathecal, intracerebroventricular route or via hyperthermic isolated limb perfusion.
- 10. The method of claim 9, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a pharmaceutical form suitable for being administered to a patient at a daily dose of the melanocortin receptor-4 antagonist comprised between 1 and 100 mg/kg of body weight of the patient.
- 11. The method of claim 10, wherein the daily dose of the melanocortin receptor-4 antagonist is of at least 50 mg/kg of body weight of the patient.
- 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the daily dose of the melanocortin receptor-4 antagonist is of at least 25 mg/kg of body weight of the patient.

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